



MARYMOUNT CONVENT SCHOOL
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Principal's message



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Dear teachers and girls, let me start my sharing with a simple but beautiful story, adapted from one of Aesop's Fables.

There was once a beautiful peacock who was all but dancing on a rainy day. While he was busy admiring his plumage and feathers, his rough voice reminded him of his own shortcomings. With all the joy beaten out of him, he was almost in tears. Suddenly, he heard a nightingale singing nearby.

Listening to the nightingale's sweet voice, his own shortcoming once again became very evident. He began wondering why he had such a bad voice. At that moment, Juno, a mystical being, appeared.

"Why are you upset?" Juno asked the peacock.

The peacock complained about his rough voice and how he was sad because of it. "The nightingale has such a beautiful voice. Why don't I?"

After listening to the peacock, Juno explained, "Every living being is special in his or her own way. They are created and gifted in a certain manner that serves the greater purpose. Yes, the nightingale is blessed with a lovely voice, but you are blessed with such a beautiful and glittering plumage and feathers! The key here is to count your blessings and make the most of what you have, especially to be a blessing to others!"

The peacock understood how silly he had been in comparing himself to others and forgetting his own blessings. He realised that everyone was unique in

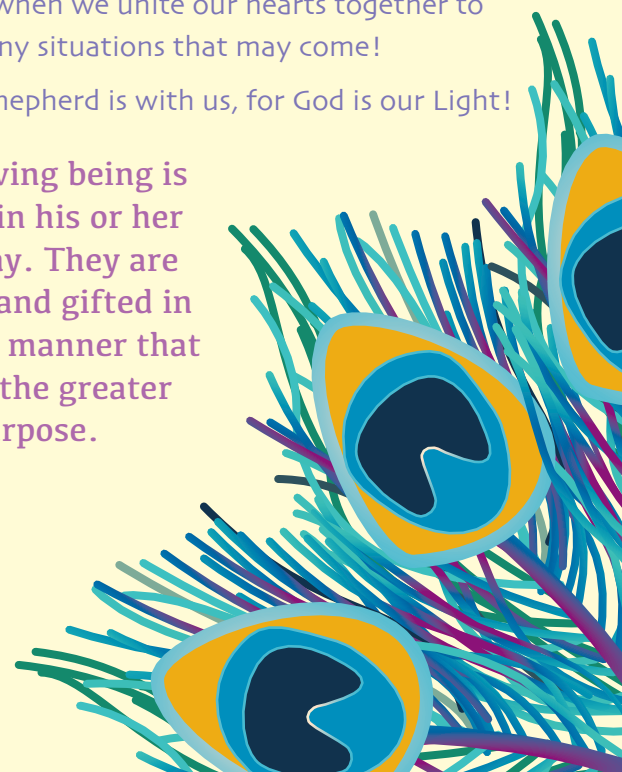
some way or the other. Be grateful for what you have!

At the start of 2021, you have been taken deeper into considering your areas of strengths and talents with your teachers. Each of you is a gift to your class and the school. This story aptly reminds us of the need to count our blessings, along with all the talents and strengths you have and how you can be a blessing to one another.

The School has planned many exciting and meaningful learning experiences for all of you. With creativity and perseverance, together with all your commitment as well as collective strengths and talents, nothing can stop us from making the best of every learning experience, not even Covid. We will be better than yesterday and stronger for tomorrow, when we unite our hearts together to rise above any situations that may come!

Our Good Shepherd is with us, for God is our Light!

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Head Prefect's Message

A Better 2021

Hello, everyone! I hope you have been doing well! I am going to tell you a bit about perseverance, Covid-19 and belief.

Last year was a hard time for everyone with Home-Based Learning (HBL), wearing masks and taking temperatures every morning. I am so proud that MCS girls had adapted to this pandemic so well, especially the Primary Ones.

One fine day when Covid-19 becomes a thing of the past, instead of looking back and thinking about how bad it was, let us think about how much we have learnt from it. Singapore has never been more united than now.

Everyone is doing their part to keep their country safe.

There are two very important things that we will have to do this year: The first one is, BELIEVE. Believe we can get through this, believe we can stay united, believe that we still have a shining chance; a light at the end of the tunnel.

But with belief comes something else to keep us believing. The force within us driving us on, urging us to keep taking step after step and leap after leap. This leads us to the second important thing: PERSEVERANCE. With perseverance, we can do anything.

And when I say 'anything', I literally mean anything. Anything can be achieved with perseverance.

Perseverance: The spirit of facing a challenge again and again and again without giving up. The spirit to keep going.

I would like to leave you all with a simple statement to mull over in your minds:

We were all looking forward to having great things in 2020. But we ended up appreciating everything we have.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly!

Sawako Evelyn Maury
6 Compassion



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persevere

GRADUATION 2020

I felt ten feet tall watching the Daughters of Marymount Convent march in with the lit tea lights on their palms. The graduating class of 2020 is truly the beacon of hope. The pupils had successfully completed PSLE amidst the chaos and disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Perseverance Personified indeed!

Thursday, 19 November 2020 - The Primary 6 Graduation and Prize-Giving Ceremony kicked off with the graduating class striding into the hall with the Light of God (tea lights) glistening on their palms, symbolising knowledge and wisdom. As the emcee of the event, I got the best view from the stage. A beautiful sight it was, especially with Sister Delphine's address and opening prayer by Natalie Wong.

Our Principal, Mrs Allison Lim, clad in a cobalt blue lacy dress, addressed the assembly in her kind yet charismatic manner. After which the head prefect, Sem Euna, gave an insightful speech. Following that, Ms Sabrina Kaur (P5 and P6 Year Head) shared the academic achievements of the pupils with us.

My partner, Sophie, and I took turns inviting the respective

form teachers and school leaders, Mrs Allison Lim, Ms Lynette Fernandez and Ms Cheryl Lee, up on stage to present certificates and prizes to the deserving pupils. Individual class video presentations were shown in-between the certificate presentations.

To round things off, an exciting video montage of the graduating class of 2020 was screened.

There was laughter and love in the air during the montage as it showcased the bonds between supportive teachers and students and how the girls had found ways to soldier on through the tough year. The sense of relief in the girls could be felt in every bit of their smile.

One in heart and one in mind, the girls sang the school song for the last time. In light of the theme of the ceremony – 'GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD', these young ladies who are refined, cultured and healthy in body, mind and soul will indeed shine forth; guided by God's eternal light.

Niranjanaa Ragunath
6 Perseverance



2020

疫情下过新年



时光飞逝，二零二零年总算过去了。如我所愿，新加坡的疫情受到控制，国人也能外出。由于农历新年即将来临，人们也开始忙着办年货，准备过新年。

农历新年对我们华人而言，可说是非常重要的节日，它代表着新的一年、新的开始。过新年，当然免不了一番大扫除，这也是我最痛恨的。只要一听到“大扫除”三个字，就让我伤脑筋。记得过年前的一个周末，妈妈趁全家人都在，就下令全家都动起来，一起大扫除。我和弟弟听了想要偷溜出去，却被妈妈发现了。妈妈一声令下，我和弟弟只好乖乖地完成所分配到的工作，各自清理自己的房间。除了吸地、抹地，我们连衣橱和书桌也整理得整整齐齐。妈妈则在客厅里忙得不可开交，一下子整理桌子，一下子抹风扇和擦窗，看得我眼花缭乱。大约花了整个下午的时间，我们总算把家里打扫得干干净净。

为了增添新年气氛，妈妈也动起毛笔写起了春联。妈妈经常练习书法，因此毛笔字写得特别漂亮。我和弟弟也跟着凑热闹，拿起毛笔写春联。虽然妈妈耐心地教我们写，可是我们的毛笔字还是写得乱七八糟。

此外，我也陪妈妈到超市购买煮团圆饭的材料。以往，妈妈根本无需操心这些，毕竟这都是由外婆一手包办。但今年，因为疫情的关系，外婆被“锁”在台湾，根本来不了新加坡。我们不仅无法品尝到由外婆烹煮的拿手好菜，妈妈还得亲自下厨，真希望外婆明年过新年时能和我们一家团聚。

转眼间，期盼已久的除夕终于来临了。学校和往年一样举行了庆祝活动。不同的是，今年的庆祝活动全都搬到线上进行。同学们虽然无法像去年在礼堂一起庆祝，但是仍然能在课堂进行活动。我们在线上除了观赏着同学带来的精彩舞蹈表演和新年歌曲演奏，老师们和校长也不落后，负责舞龙舞狮表演以及《十二生肖》短剧。最后，整个庆祝活动也在欢乐的气氛中来到了尾声。庆祝活动结束了，在此也祝大家在新的一年里，平安健康，生活愉快！

張詠瑗 Chang Yung Ai
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